



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
Serial No.: 08/828,022
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Group Art Unit: 2876
Examiner: Jamara A. Franklin
Title: *AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE*

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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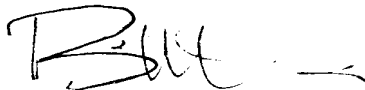
Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. § 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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